Modernisation of textile mills

†885. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared a scheme for modernisation of textile mills in Government-sector;

(b) if so, the total amount estimated to be spent for implementation of the scheme;

(c) the sources for the above amount and the details of amount to be received from each source; and

(d) the time-limit fixed for implementation of the scheme since its inception?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) On the basis of unit-wise viablity study made by NTC, Government is considering a revised turn around plan for the viable subsidiaries of NTC alongwith the viable mills under them keeping in view the BIFR norms of net worth of these mills turning positive within the period precsribed by BIFR. The interest of workers will be kept in view in the Revival Plan.

Revival Plan for NTC mills

†886. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a new plan involving Rs. 3300 cores, to make the cloth mills operating under the National Textile Coropration profitable;

(b) if so, whether Government have also indentified the mills proposed to be made profitable;

(c) if so, the names of the mills, State-wise, alongwith their locations;

(d) whether separate plans have also been prepared for each mill;

(e) if so, the details of each separate plan, alongwith the expenditure to be incurred on each of them; and

(f) by when each plan would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (f) On the basis of a unit-wise viablity study made by NTC, Government is considering a revised turn around plan for the viable subsidiaries of NTC alongwith the viable mills under them keeping in view the BIFR norms of net worth of these mills turning positive within the period prescribed by BIFR. The interest of the workers will be kept in view in the Revival Plan.

Import of Jute and Cotton

887. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to stop the import of jute, cotton etc in the interest of the farmers;

(b) if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to help the farmers to increase the per hectare yield of such commodities and also to improve their quality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) At present there are no quantitative restrictions on import of raw jute or Cotton. However import duty @5% on import of raw jute and @5% on import of Cotton has been introduced in the budget of 1999-2000. The import of jute accounts for less than 6% of the total domestic production of raw jute and mainly consists of such grades and varieties of fine and high grade fibre, not produced in India which is used to manufacture value added diversified jute products meant for exports. Raw cotton imports are allowed mainly for the purposes of maintaining export competitiveness and on considerations of importing cotton of higher grade quality.